

# Gwennap Parish Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 15<sup>th</sup> JULY 2010

Present. Cllr Furnish (Chairman), Cllr Humble (Vice Chairman), Cllr Roscorla, Cllr Padmore, Cllr Snell, Cllr Squibb

Apologies Cllr Barton

Also present : PCSO Gamble, Mr Reburn, Mr Bawden, Mr P. Dyer, Dr Gethin, Cllr Plummer, + two residents

### PUBLIC CLINIC

1. PCSO Gamble presented her report covering activity for the past month. Crime was up from three to six reported events. Nine call during the month related to off-road motorbikes in the Wheal Maid area, but a good police response meant the matters were dealt with promptly.  
Cllr Padmore asked how often PCSO Gamble visited Cusgarne School. She tried to attend at least weekly, and was aware of the vehicle/parking problems being experienced there.
2. Mr Dyer and Dr Gethin had both come to speak against the planning application at Mount Wellington Mine. They spoke of problems experienced in recent times where the site users ignored planning conditions, and Cornwall Council failed to enforce, leaving little confidence that if permission was granted for the new venture, any conditions would not be adhered to. Dr Gethin was also concerned about traffic movements and site access.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

#### 10/036

1. Cllr Padmore declared a personal interest in SITA related issues and Cllr Furnish in any decisions on Wheal Maid.

### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

#### 10/037

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and signed as a true record

### MATTERS ARISING.

#### 10/038

There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.

### WHEAL MAID

#### 10/039

1. The Clerk had carried out a valley inspection recently, replacing damaged signs where appropriate.
2. The E.A. had confirmed they were meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July to discuss all the information gathered regarding the contamination in the valley, and would be in touch when a decision had been made as to whether remediation was appropriate, and if so, in what form.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### 10/040

1. Cornwall Council Enforcement had written to confirm they had visited Frogpool to assess the new highway access created at Frogpool OS field 2204. They were satisfied that no permissions were needed at the present, but anticipated an application in the near future.
2. Cornwall Council Strategic Planning Committee minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> March meeting were noted.
3. Cornwall Council had now agreed to continue with the Cleansing Grant for 2010 –2011. A discussion took place as how best to use this funding to keep the villages and roads clean. It was RESOLVED to keep to the previous routes but with reduced frequencies, leaving a sum for problems of an emergency nature.
4. Cornwall Rural Community Council had sent their “Where to get help” leaflets. The Clerk would put them on the notice boards and Cllr Padmore would place one on the website.
5. Carharrack Parish Council minutes for the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010 were noted.
6. United Mines Liaison Group minutes for the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were noted.
7. Cornwall Council Active Partnership Agreements discussion document had been received. It offered local councils the opportunity to enter into formal agreements to carry out functions currently being carried out by Cornwall Council. The next Network meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> August would go into more detail, and a report would be fed back to the Parish Council. The Chairman asked for the website link to be sent to Councillors so that they could get some background to what is being offered.

8. Cornwall Council had sent a Public Consultation document on "Connecting Cornwall:2030" for our views/comments. It related to Transport Services in the County. Two copies of the document were circulated amongst Councillors, and the Clerk would compile the comments onto the questionnaire by the end of August. The website link would also be sent to Councillors.
9. Cllr Humble had noticed that the West Briton carried the notice regarding the closure of Cusgarne Bridge, but showed the alternative route for the deviation as being through Trehaddle. This was not in line with the written information the Council had been given. The Clerk would investigate, and if necessary, inform Cornwall Council that Trehaddle was a totally unsuitable road for diverted traffic.
10. As there was still no final account from the building contractor, the Clerk was not in a position to indicate what the Council's year-end financial position might be. He was therefore instructed to inform the Crofthandy Village Hall Committee that we were not in a position to discuss their grant application, but would place the matter on the next agenda.

## **PLANNING**

### **10/041**

#### **Plans for comment at this meeting**

Mr J Datson, The Wood Yard, Race Hill, Point Mills - temporary stationing of mobile home SUPPORT

#### **Decision Notices received back from Cornwall Council.**

1. Mr C Bailey, Plot 23, United Downs Ind. Park - extension of time for erection of units. APPROVED
2. Mrs P White, Cleveleys, Point Mills - extension APPROVED
3. Mr S Matthews, 6 Carn View, Gwennap - erection of a single dwelling. APPROVED
4. M Hussey, Wagon House, Pengreep - change of use to 2-bed dwelling. APPROVED
5. Mrs S Quinney, Arley Cottage, Cusvey, Twelveheads - two storey extension. REFUSED
6. PC Tonkins, United Downs Ind Park - change of use to MOT station. APPROVED

A discussion took place on the recent application for the change of use of the Concentrator Building at Mount Wellington (and associated land) for the manufacture of wave buoy components.

Since we commented on this application last month, representations had been made by residents who claimed not to have been notified by Cornwall Council that the application was being made. A change in the planning protocols meant that it was now not necessary to carry out neighbourhood consultations.

There were concerns expressed regarding noise, dust, operating hours and the need for such a venture on this site.

It was RESOLVED to follow the suggestion by Cllr Plummer, that we ask for the application to go to the full planning committee rather than be decided by delegated powers, unless the officer was recommending refusal, in which case we would agree.

We would also raise the matter of the disregard for existing conditions, and the lack of enforcement by Cornwall Council.

## **OUTSIDE MEETINGS FEEDBACK**

### **10/042**

1. The Clerk and Cllr Snell had attended the Mineral Tramways meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June. A questionnaire was being prepared to ask group users and the wider local councils whether they felt there was merit in continuing the group. The lack of obvious funding meant there were no monies available for capital schemes, and little for routine maintenance of the tramways. Ideas were being sought for new funding streams.
2. The Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman had attended the Cornwall Council Planning Site Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July held on the site of the proposed Geothermal drilling enterprise at United Downs Industrial Park. A large turnout of residents expressed their disquiet, asking questions regarding the potential effects of noise, dust and what drilling down six kilometres might come across.  
The applicant answered all questions, including several from Cornwall Councillors. The matter will now be decided by the Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

## **FOOTPATHS**

### **10/043**

1. The Clerk had received a complaint regarding the surface of Byway 44 at Crofthandy, between the Chapel junction and Higher Goongumpas. Following inspection, the Clerk had asked Cornwall Council to take a look, as the surface at one particular area was extremely dangerous to walkers or riders through deep rutting. A reply from the Countryside Officer confirmed he agreed, and had met with Cormac on site and issued a work order for improvements to be made. The Clerk had pointed out the importance of drainage, to avoid water entering neighbouring properties.
2. Bridleway 47 at Goongumpas needed urgent trimming. The Clerk had asked Paul Chegwidden to put it on his work schedule for the coming month.

## **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

### **10/044**

1. It was RESOLVED that Paul Chegwidden be asked to make safe a dangerous headstone in Gwennap Churchyard.
2. It was RESOLVED tht the Clerk obtains an estimate for adding the new build grass area to the existing cutting contract
3. It was RESOLVED that the cleaning of the new building be added to the existing cleaning arrangements, subject to the agreement of the current contractor.

**PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD UPDATE**

**10/045**

1. There had been little progress in getting the builder to finish the list of snagging, or some of the new problems that had occurred. We still held a good retention, but needed some action to finalise the build. A final account had also been requested on several occasions, but was not yet forthcoming.
2. A proposed hiring contract had been circulated by the Clerk for discussion. Some minor amendments were needed, but overall it was felt to be a reasonable document. The charges for using the Rooms were agreed for a one-year period, during which the Council will ensure the income covers the costs of electricity, heating and cleaning. The charges were £20 for an 'out-of-parish' letting, £15 if this letting was regular and £10 for 'in-parish' users.  
It was RESOLVED that the Clerk, as the contact point for bookings, would have delegated authority on charging arrangements.  
The Clerk would purchase electric plug safety covers for the Rooms.

**FINANCE**

**10/046**

1. Income had been received as follows:- R.Lawrence £50 – burial, M Penrose £125 – burial fee, Car Boot 19/06 - £121.50, A&N Media £19.98 - refund, LJ Richards £42 – advert, HSBC £1.31 – interest, SITA Trust £9,000 – grant, HM Revenue & Customs £7626.94 – vat rebate Apl/May, Cornwall Council grant £1,328.83

4. Cheque number	payee	service	value
100960	Audit Commission	annual audit fee	£470.00
100961	Gwennap Parish Community Projects	donation	£100.00
100962	A&N Media Finance Services	car boot adverts	£39.95
100963	L Moody	cleaning/P.Field duties	£185.75
100964	M P Chegwiddden	grass/footpath contracts	£1,321.87
100965	Cornwall Council	newsletter printing	£335.19

Signed..... Chairman

19<sup>th</sup> August 2010